

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 9-12 are pending in this application. Claims 9-12 have been amended in this response. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

The Title and Abstract of the invention were objected to due to certain informalities.

The Title and Abstract of the invention have been amended to overcome these objections.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 12 is hereby amended in this response to overcome this rejection.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 9-12 are hereby amended in this response to overcome the §112 rejections.

IV. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,112,010 to Koyama (hereinafter merely "Koyama").

Independent claim 9 recites, *inter alia*:

"An information processing apparatus ... comprising ...

generation means for generating one management information file that manages the result of the edit so that **the management information file contains a group name to which all the encoding systems identified by the identification means belong** and recording the management information file in a directory of the recording medium attachable and detachable to and from the information processing apparatus, **the directory for the management information file being different from other directories of the recording medium;** and

determination means for reading the management information file generated by the generation means and recorded on the recording medium and **determining reproducibility of all the plurality of pieces of data according to the group name contained in the management information file** when the plurality of pieces of data are reproduced as the result of the edit." (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, one embodiment of the instant invention relates to an information processing apparatus including a generation means for generating one management information

file that manages the result of the edit so that the management information file contains a group name to which all the encoding systems identified by the identification means belong and recording the management information file in a directory of the recording medium attachable and detachable to and from the information processing apparatus, the directory for the management information file being different from other directories of the recording medium, and determination means for reading the management information file generated by the generation means and recorded on the recording medium and determining reproducibility of all the plurality of pieces of data according to the group name contained in the management information file when the plurality of pieces of data are reproduced as the result of the edit.

Koyama relates to a still picture system for high speed reproduction, wherein picture information of intermediate resolution and picture information of low resolution are formed on the basis of picture information of high resolution which has been read out from a frame memory. These pictures are caused to undergo fixed length encoding at a compression/expansion circuit. These picture data of three kinds of resolutions which have been caused to undergo fixed length encoding are respectively recorded in the order of reproduction and continuously onto an optical disk having tri-selected recording areas for respective resolutions.

Koyama discloses that the high resolution picture data, which is fixed length encoded to have a first data length, is recorded onto the recording medium as the high resolution picture file, the intermediate resolution picture data which is fixed length encoded to have a second data length shorter than the first data length is recorded onto the recording medium as the intermediate resolution picture file, and a plural low resolution picture data which is fixed length

encoded to have a third data length shorter than the second data length are recorded onto the recording medium as index file.

Koyama further discloses that the picture data recorded after having undergone fixed length encoding along with the header is read out as it is without allowing it to undergo expansion decoding processing to transfer it to the main memory 11a (See *Koyoma*, Fig. 36, and col. 47, line 60-col. 48, line 6).

Koyama, however, fails to teach or suggest the above identified feature of claim 9. Specifically, Koyama does not disclose or suggest that the management information file contains a group name to which all the encoding systems identified by the identification means belong, the directory for the management information file being different from other directories of the recording medium, and determination means for determining reproducibility of all the plurality of pieces of data according to the group name contained in the management information file as recited in instant claim 9.

For at least the reasons discussed above, claim 9 is patentable over Koyama. Since claims 10-12 are similar, or somewhat similar, in scope to claim 9, claims 10-12 are patentable for similar, or somewhat similar, reasons.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Since the other claims are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, they are also patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion or portions of the reference or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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